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Applicant(s): D.Wade Walke

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Application No.: 09/735,712

Examiner: R. Li

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Title: Novel Human Membrane Proteins and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

Atty. Docket No. LEX-0109-USA

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Advisory Action mailed on August 14, 2002 (Paper No. 14), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Applicants respectfully request continued examination of application Serial No: 09/735,712 and submit the following amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of this amendment and remarks.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including January 17, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENTS

A clean copy of the pending and amended claims are attached as Exhibit A. A marked up copy of the pending claims are attached as Exhibit B.

Please amend Claim 2 so that the text of the amended claim reads as follows, such that highly

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